What is claimed is:

1. An Actinium-225 complex comprising a functionalized polyazamacrocyclic chelant compound of the formula I, hereinbelow:

$$G \xrightarrow{Q} N \xrightarrow{T} Q$$

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T is

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G is independently hydrogen or

$$L \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} X \\ - \\ C \end{pmatrix}}_{m} (CH_{2})_{n} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} Q^{1} \\ - \\ - \end{pmatrix}}_{H} (CH_{2})_{r} \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad }$$

each Q is independently hydrogen, $(CHR^5)_pCO_2R$ or $(CHR^5)_pPO_3R^6R^7$ or

$$L - \begin{pmatrix} X \\ \downarrow \\ C \\ \downarrow \\ Y \end{pmatrix}_m \begin{pmatrix} Q^1 \\ \downarrow \\ H \end{pmatrix} (CH_2)_n - C \\ \downarrow \\ H \end{pmatrix} (CH_2)_r - C \\ \downarrow C \\$$

 Q^1 is hydrogen, $(CHR^5)_wCO_2R$ or $(CHR^5)_wPO_3R^6R^7$; each R is independently hydrogen, benzyl or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; R^6 and R^7 are independently H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl or $(C_1$ - C_2 alkyl)phenyl;

each R^5 is independently hydrogen; $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl or $(C_1 - C_2 \text{ alkyl})$ phenyl;

with the proviso that at least two of the sum of Q and Q^1 must be other than hydrogen; A is CH, N, C-Br, C-Cl, C-SO₃H, C-OR⁸, C-OR⁹N⁺-R¹⁰X⁻, or

$$C-C\equiv C$$

Z and Z^1 independently are CH, N, C-SO₃H, N⁺-R¹⁰X⁻, C-CH₂-OR⁸ or C-C(O)-R¹¹;

 R^8 is H, C_1 - C_5 alkyl, benzyl, or benzyl substituted with at least one R^{12} ;

 R^9 is C_1-C_{16} alkylamino;

10 R^{10} is C_1 - C_{16} alkyl, benzyl, or benzyl substituted with at least one R^{12} ;

 R^{11} is $-O-(C_1-C_3 \text{ alkyl})$, OH or NHR^{13} ;

 \mbox{R}^{12} is H, $\mbox{NO}_2,$ $\mbox{NH}_2,$ isothiocyanato, semicarbazido, thiosemicarbazido, maleimido, bromoacetamido or

15 carboxyl;

 R^{13} is C_1-C_5 alkyl;

X and Y are each independently hydrogen or may be taken with an adjacent X and Y to form an additional carbon-carbon bond;

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m is an integer from 0 to 10 inclusive;

p is 1 or 2;

r is 0 or 1;

w is 0 or 1;

with the proviso that n is only 1 when X and/or Y form an additional carbon-carbon bond, and the sum of r and w is 0 or 1;

L is a linker/spacer group covalently bonded to, and replaces one hydrogen atom of one of the carbon atoms to which it is joined, said linker/spacer group being represented by the formula

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$$R^{1}$$
 Cyc CH_{2}

wherein:

s is an integer of 0 or 1;

t is an integer of 0 to 20 inclusive;

R¹ is H or an electrophilic or nucleophilic moiety which allows for covalent attachment to a biological carrier, or synthetic linker which can be attached to a biological carrier, or precursor thereof; and Cyc represents a cyclic aliphatic moiety, aromatic moiety, aliphatic heterocyclic moiety, or aromatic heterocyclic moiety, each of said moieties optionally substituted with one or more groups which do not interfere with binding to a biological carrier; with the proviso that when R¹ is H, the linkage to the biological carrier is through one of Q or Q¹; and with the proviso that when R¹ is other than H, at least one of Q and Q¹ must be (CHR⁵) pPO₃R⁶R²; and with further

proviso that when Q is $(CHR^5)_pCO_2R$, Q^1 is $(CHR^5)_wCO_2R$, R is H, R^5 is H, and R^1 is H, then the sum of m, n, p, r, s, t, and w is greater than 1;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; complexed with $^{225}\mbox{Ac}\,.$

- 25 2. A conjugate comprising the complex of Claim 1 covalently attached to a biological carrier.
 - 3. The conjugate according to Claim 2 wherein the biological carrier is a protein, antibody, antibody fragment, hormone, peptide, growth factor, antigen or hapten.

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- 4. The complex of Claim 1 wherein R^1 is H, NO_2 , NH_2 , isothiocyanato, semicarbazido, thiosemicarbazido, maleimido, bromoacetamido or carboxyl.
- 5. The complex according to Claim 1 wherein the functionalized chelant is a compound of formula II

$$L \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} X \\ I \\ C \\ Y \end{pmatrix}_m} (CH_2)_n - \overset{I}{C} - (CH_2)_r - \overset{Q}{N} \overset{Q}{\underset{I}{N}} \overset{Q}{\underset{I}{N}} - \overset{Q}{\underset{I}{N}} - \overset{Q}{\underset{I}{N}} - \overset{Q}{\underset{I}{N}} \overset{Q}{\underset{I}{N}} - \overset{Q}{\underset{I}$$

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10 wherein:

each Q is independently hydrogen, $(CHR^5)_pCO_2R$ or $(CHR^5)_pPO_3R^6R^7$ or

$$L \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} X \\ - \\ C \end{pmatrix}}_{m} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{Q^1}_{-C} (CH_2)_r \xrightarrow{\qquad}$$

 Q^1 is hydrogen, $(CHR^5)_wCO_2R$ or $(CHR^5)_wPO_3R^6R^7$;

each R is independently hydrogen, benzyl or C_1-C_4 alkyl; R^6 and R^7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or $(C_1-C_2$ alkyl)phenyl;

each R^5 is independently hydrogen; C_1-C_4 alkyl or $(C_1-C_2 \text{ alkyl})$ phenyl;

with the proviso that at least two of the sum of Q and ${\bf Q}^1$ must be other than hydrogen;

X and Y are each independently hydrogen or may be taken with an adjacent X and Y to form an additional carbon-carbon bond:

25 n is 0 or 1;

m is an integer from 0 to 10 inclusive;

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p is 1 or 2;
r is 0 or 1;
w is 0 or 1;

with the proviso that n is only 1 when X and/or Y form an additional carbon-carbon bond, and the sum of r and w is 0 or 1;

L is a linker/spacer group covalently bonded to, and replaces one hydrogen atom of one of the carbon atoms to which it is joined, said linker/spacer group being represented by the formula

$$R^1$$
 Cyc $CH_2)_t$

wherein:

s is an integer of 0 or 1; 15 t is an integer of 0 to 20 inclusive; R¹ is H or an electrophilic or nucleophilic moiety which allows for covalent attachment to a biological carrier, or synthetic linker which can be attached to a 20 biological carrier, or precursor thereof; and Cyc represents a cyclic aliphatic moiety, aromatic moiety, aliphatic heterocyclic moiety, or aromatic heterocyclic moiety, each of said moieties optionally substituted with one or more groups which do not interfere with binding to a biological carrier; 25 with the proviso that when R1 is H, the linkage to the biological carrier is through one of Q or Q^1 ; and with the proviso that when R1 is other than H, at least one of O and O^1 must be $(CHR^5)_pPO_3R^6R^7$; and with further proviso that when Q is $(CHR^5)_pCO_2R$, Q^1 is $(CHR^5)_wCO_2R$, R 30

is H, R^5 is H, and R^1 is H, then the sum of m, n, p, r, s, t, and w is greater than 1;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. The complex according to Claim 1 wherein the functionalized chelant is a compound of formula III

$$L \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} X \\ -C \\ -V \end{pmatrix}_m} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{Q^1} (CH_2)_r \xrightarrow{Q} N \xrightarrow{N Q}$$

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wherein:

each Q is independently hydrogen, $(CHR^5)_pCO_2R$ or $(CHR^5)_pPO_3R^6R^7$ or

$$L \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} X \\ C \\ Y \end{pmatrix}_m} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{Q^1} (CH_2)_r \xrightarrow{}$$

Q¹ is hydrogen, $(CHR^5)_wCO_2R$ or $(CHR^5)_wPO_3R^6R^7$; each R is independently hydrogen, benzyl or C_1-C_4 alkyl; R^6 and R^7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl or $(C_1-C_2$ alkyl) phenyl;

each R^5 is independently hydrogen; C_1-C_4 alkyl or $(C_1-C_2 \text{ alkyl})$ phenyl;

with the proviso that at least two of the sum of Q and Q^1 must be other than hydrogen;

 ${\tt X}$ and ${\tt Y}$ are each independently hydrogen or may be taken with an adjacent ${\tt X}$ and ${\tt Y}$ to form an additional carbon-

25 carbon bond;

n is 0 or 1;

m is an integer from 0 to 10 inclusive;

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p is 1 or 2;
r is 0 or 1;
w is 0 or 1;

with the proviso that n is only 1 when X and/or Y form an additional carbon-carbon bond, and the sum of r and w is 0 or 1;

L is a linker/spacer group covalently bonded to, and replaces one hydrogen atom of one of the carbon atoms to which it is joined, said linker/spacer group being represented by the formula

$$R^1$$
 (Cyc)_s (CH₂)_t—

wherein:

s is an integer of 0 or 1; 15 t is an integer of 0 to 20 inclusive; R¹ is H or an electrophilic or nucleophilic moiety which allows for covalent attachment to a biological carrier, or synthetic linker which can be attached to a biological carrier, or precursor thereof; and 20 Cyc represents a cyclic aliphatic moiety, aromatic moiety, aliphatic heterocyclic moiety, or aromatic heterocyclic moiety, each of said moieties optionally substituted with one or more groups which do not interfere with binding to a biological carrier; 25 with the proviso that when R1 is H, the linkage to the biological carrier is through one of Q or Q1; and with the proviso that when R¹ is other than H, at least one of Q and Q^1 must be $(CHR^5)_pPO_3R^6R^7$; and with further proviso that when Q is $(CHR^5)_pCO_2R$, Q^1 is $(CHR^5)_wCO_2R$, R 30

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is H, R^5 is H, and R^1 is H, then the sum of m, n, p, r, s, t, and w is greater than 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 7. A conjugate according to Claim 2 comprising the ²²⁵Ac complex of DOTA (1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetraacetic acid) covalently attached via amide linkage to a biological carrier.
 - 8. A conjugate according to Claim 2 comprising the ²²⁵Ac complex of 2-(p-isothiocyanatobenzyl)-1,4,7,10-
- tetraazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetraacetic acid covalently attached to a biological carrier.
 - 9. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising the ²²⁵Ac conjugate of Claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 15 10. The formulation of Claim 9 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a liquid.
 - 11. A method of therapeutic treatment of a mammal having cancer which comprises administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of the formulation of Claim 9.